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SUBJECT: TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATION - VENEZUELA

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1. US MTN DEL HELD CONSULTATIONS JAN 21 WITH VENEZUELAN MTN DEL (AMB. MARTINEZ-RAMIREZ) ON VENEZUELAN TROPICAL PRODUCT (TP) REQUEST LIST. USDEL OUTLINED THREE CATEGORIES OF POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO TP REQUESTS, NOTING HIGH PROPORTION (5 OF 8) OF PRODUCTS ON VENEZUELAN REQUEST LIST FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS THAT US BELIEVED WOULD BE INCLUDED IN CATEGORY 1 (I.E., LIKELY TO BE NEGOTIATED IN TP GROUP). USDEL ALSO REVIEWED US POSITION ON DE-

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VELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TP PACKAGE. VENEZUELAN

DEL THANKED USDEL FOR DETAILED RESPONSE WHICH IT WOULD REPORT TO CARACAS AND NOTED IT EXPECTED DELEGATION FROM INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE TO ARRIVE IN GENEVA IN NEAR FUTURE WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING VENEZUELAN TP REQUESTS.

2. VENEZUELAN DEL OPENED WITH PRO FORMA STATEMENT ON EXCLUSION FROM US SYSTEM OF GSP AND RELATION OF GSP TO TP NEGOTIATIONS. USDEL REVIEWED STATUS OF OPEC EXCLUSION AMENDMENT AS STATED BY US SPOKESMAN AT RECENT UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES AND NOTED USG WAS CONSIDERING MFN CONCESSIONS TO REQUESTS IN TP GROUP WHICH WERE NOT RELATED TO UNILATERAL, UNBOUND, AND TEMPORARY GSP TARIFF PREFERENCES.

3. FOLLOWING US PRESENTATION OF NEED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOP A SIGNIFICANT TP PACKAGE, VENEZUELAN DEL INITIALLY EXPRESSED INTERPRETATION OF TOKYO DECLARATION REFERENCE TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS INVOLVING "NON-RECIPROCITY", I.E., NO LDC RECIPROCITY IN TP GROUP. VENEZUELAN DEL EXPRESSED VIEW LDC CONTRIBUTIONS TO MTN WOULD BE DECIDED AT END OF NEGOTIATIONS WHEN BENEFITS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO LDC'S WERE CLEAR. USDEL REPEATED US POSITION OF NEED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TP PACKAGE CONSISTENT WITH PARA 5 OF TOKYO DECLARATION AND INDIVIDUAL TRADE, DEVELOPMENT, AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. VENEZUELAN DEL NOTED US POSITION, WHICH IT WOULD REPORT TO CARACAS, AND NEED TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IN RELATION TO REGIONAL AND G-77 POSITIONS.

4. USDEL ALSO NOTED SEVERAL CATEGORY 1 TP PRODUCTS IN WHICH VENEZUELA HAD TRADE INTERESTS BUT WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED ON VENEZUELA'S TP REQUEST LIST. ON ONE SUCH CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT, TSUS 193.10 TONKA BEANS, VENEZUELA HAD BEEN LEADING US SUPPLIER IN 1974.

5. IN CLOSING, AMB. MARTINEZ NOTED HE HAD BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA AND WOULD BE DEPARTING GENEVA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN MARCH. HE IS TO BE REPLACED BY CASTELLANOS WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING WITH VENEZUELAN CENTRAL BANK AND WHO HAD HAD PREVIOUS GATT AND UNCTAD TRADE EXPERIENCE. FOR CARACAS: US MTN DEL WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO INFORMATION ON CASTELLANOS THAT AMEMBASSY CARACAS CAN PROVIDE. WALKER

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